## Nordlingaen

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The **Nordling Common Speech**, also known as **Nordling Common Tongue**, Nordling Language, Nordlingaen [1] (by Nilfgaardians), Common Tongue and Common Speech is the official language used by the humans inhabitants of the Northern part of the Old Continent, the Confederation of Nordling Colonies known as Fabiola, the Silk Islands, and in the northern provinces or vassal states of the Nilfgaardian Empire in the Old Continent such as Cintra, Geso, Ebbing and Toussaint.

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## Nordlingaen

#### **Basic Information**

Native to

Northern part of the Old Continent

Fabiola

Region

Northern Kingdoms Northern parts of the

Nilfgaardian Empire

Franq

Western Franq

Jasha Republic (minority)

Fabiola

Language family

Nordlingian

**Early forms** 

- Scholar Language
- Nordling Pidgin
- **Nordling Creole**
- Proto-Common Tongue
- Old Common Tongue
- Middle Common Tongue
- Common Tongue

**Ethnicity** 

Various but mainly spoken among the Nordlings

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## **General Notes**

This is my interpretation of how the Common Speech might be and sound, based on references scattered throughout the books (and to some extent the games). It's a personal project I've been wanting to tackle for a while.

If you enjoy this, I encourage you to expand on the article! Feel free to credit yourself as a contributor.

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## **Real world origins**

To differentiate Common Speech from other languages like <u>Elder Speech</u>, a base rooted in Romance languages has been used (in contrast to Elder Speech, which draws heavily from Celtic languages, and Dwarvish, which draws from Germanic languages). The main foundation is the Lingua Franca Nova or Elefen (due to its simplicity and flexibility in creating a natural language, along with lore reasons that extend beyond contrast with Elvish). Additionally, adapted words from other

languages are incorporated, primarily Romance languages.

## **Pronunciation**

## Consonants

Consonant	Pronunciation in Common Speech
b	[b]
С	[k]
č	[ʧ] (ch as in "church")
ć	[ts]
d	[d]
f	[f]
g	[g]
h	[h]
j	[j]
k	[k]
ι	[1]
ł	[†] (Similar to Navajo, it is used for the voiceless lateral alveolar fricative, and like Ll in Welsh)
m	[m]
n	[n]
ń	[ŋ] (as in "song")

ň	[ɲ]
ñ	[ɲ] (similar to Spanish "ñ")
ŋ	[ŋ] (For sounds like "ng" in English "sing", useful for words with nasal endings)
р	[p]
ŕ	[r] (rolled "r")
S	[s]
ś	[6]
Ş	[ʃ] (sh as in "she")
š	[ʃ] (sh as in "she")
t	[t]
ţ	[ts]
V	[v]
Z	[z]
ž	[ʒ] (zh as in "measure")
ź	[z]
CZ	[tş]
rz	[෭]
kh	[x] (as in German "Bach")
ts	[ts]

ch	[ʒ] (zh as in "measure")
sh	[∫] (sh as in "she")
shch	[ʃtʃ] (shch as in "fresh cheese")

## **Vowels**

Vowel	Pronunciation in Common Speech
а	[a]
â	[α]
à	[æ]
ä	[ε]
ã	[ɔ]
ă	[6]
æ	[eɪ]
å	[aʊ]
ą	[ã]
е	[ε]
é	[e]
è	[eɪ]
ë	[1]
ė	[ε]

ê	[Ø]
i	[I]
ï	[i]
î	[aɪ]
ī	[i:]
į	[iː]
ì	[aɪ]
í	[I]
0	[a]
ō	[00]
ó	[c]
ö	[œ]
õ	[ʊ]
u	[ʊ]
ü	[y]
ū	[u:]
ŭ	[ʊ]
ĭ	[I]
ę	[ε̃]
Ó	[3]

## Stops

Letter	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
р	/p/	like 'p' in "pat"	pā, păt
t	/t/	like 't' in "top"	tē, tăt
k	/k/	like 'k' in "cat"	kā, kăt
b	/b/	like 'b' in "bat"	bā, băt
d	/d/	like 'd' in "dog"	dē, dăt
g	/g/	like 'g' in "go"	gā, găt

## **Aspirates**

Letter	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
ph	/p <sup>h</sup> /	like 'p' in "pot" (with a puff of air)	phā, phăt
th	/t <sup>h</sup> /	like 't' in "top" (with a puff of air)	thē, thăt
kh	/k <sup>h</sup> /	like 'k' in "cat" (with a puff of air)	khā, khăt

## Liquids

Letter	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
l	/l/	like 'l' in "let"	lā, lăt
r	/r/	like 'r' in "butter" (American English)	rā, răt

## **Fricatives**

Letter	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
f	/f/	like 'f' in "fan"	fā, făt
S	/s/	like 's' in "see"	sē, săt
h	/h/	like 'h' in "hat"	hā, hăt
v	/v/	like 'v' in "van"	vā, văt
Z	/z/	like 'z' in "zoo"	zē, zăt
ſ	/ʃ/	like 'sh' in "shoe"	∫ā, ∫ăt

## Semivowels and Glides

Letter	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
у	/j/	like 'y' in "yes"	yā, yăt
w	/w/	like 'w' in "wet"	wā, wăt

## **Initial Clusters**

Cluster	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
bl	/bl/	like 'bl' in "blue"	blā, blăt
tr	/tr/	like 'tr' in "tree"	trē, trăt
sp	/sp/	like 'sp' in "spot"	spā, spăt
sk	/sk/	like 'sk' in "skip"	skā, skăt
fl	/fl/	like 'fl' in "fly"	flā, flăt
gl	/gl/	like 'gl' in "glue"	glā, glăt

#### **Medial Clusters**

Cluster	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
nd	/nd/	like 'nd' in "hand"	and, band
mp	/mp/	like 'mp' in "lamp"	kamp, timp
st	/st/	like 'st' in "past"	past, mist

#### **Final Clusters**

Cluster	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide	Examples
nt	/nt/	like 'nt' in "ant"	ant, kant
lk	/lk/	like 'lk' in "milk"	milk, folk
rd	/rd/	like 'rd' in "hard"	hard, fārd

## **Grammar of Common Tongue**

#### **Word Order**

The common word order is Subject-Verb-Object(SVO) - This aligns with the word order observed in the provided phrases ("En face" - preposition-noun, "Nostra duchessa" - adjective-noun). However, there are exceptions like "Le Skellige Inisi" (the Skellige Islands) or Vengerberg (the city of Venger) to name a few, where the name itself comes first. This serves to emphasize or clarify the specific location being referred to. For example "Le Skellige Inisi" highlights the Skellige Islands as a distinct entity, separate from other island chains.

#### **Noun Gender**

• Nouns have gender distinctions, such as masculine (e.g., **calvo**), feminine (e.g., **abandonada**), and neutral (e.g., **monstrum**) - This is consistent with

Romance languages (from which Common Speech borrows heavily) that typically have grammatical genders.

#### **Verbs**

• Infinitive verbs end in various ways, like -ar (e.g., abakoriar) and -en (e.g., administracen). - Verb conjugations follow patterns similar to Romance languages, where infinitive verbs have different endings depending on the verb group.

### **Negation**

Negation is achieved through the use of a negation particle placed before
the verb, similar to Romance languages like French (ne...pas) or Spanish
(no). For example: Eu non canto (I do not sing) or Nici eu canto (I do not
sing either)

#### **Pluralization**

Pluralization is achieved through adding a suffix to the noun stem, similar to Romance languages. The specific suffix might vary depending on the noun's gender and declension class.

## **Adjectives:**

• Adjectives agree with the gender of the noun they modify (e.g., **bianco** for masculine and **abandonada** for feminine) - This aligns with the behavior of adjectives in Romance languages.

#### **Pronouns**

- Pronouns include nominative and accusative forms for each person (singular and plural) and possessive pronouns.
- **Nominative pronouns**: These are used as the subjects of sentences.
  - eu (I)
  - ti (you)
  - nós (we)
  - vós (you all)

- eles (they)
- Accusative pronouns: These are used as the objects of verbs or prepositions.
  - mi (me)
  - ti (you)
  - nós (us)
  - vós (you all)
  - eles (them)
- **Possessive pronouns**: These indicate possession or ownership.
  - mi / miu (my)
  - ti / tiu (your)
  - nostro (our)
  - vostro (your)
  - seu (their)

#### **Possessive Forms**

 Possessive forms are be constructed using possessive pronouns or by adding a possessive suffix to the noun (similar to some Romance languages).

#### **Numbers**

• Numbers follow a base-10 system with separate words for numerals one to ten, and morphemes to create higher numbers (tens, hundreds, etc.).

## **Syntax**

- Interrogative sentences: Questions in the Nordling Common Speech are often formed by inverting the subject and the verb, or by using question words.
- **Conditional sentences**: These often use the subjunctive mood and conditional verb forms to express hypothetical situations or conditions.

## **Imperatives**

• Imperatives in the Nordling Common Speech are used to give commands or instructions. They typically use the infinitive form of the verb without a

subject.

## Phonological and Orthographic Rules for Apostrophes (Comes)

#### **Separation of Composed Words**

 Apostrophes are use to join two or more words into a single, composed term. This can create compound nouns and adjectives. However, this rule is not always present, as exceptions exists if the terms used to create the new word are simple such in the case for example of herbasano (herbalist) combining the words herba (herb) with sano (healthy).

#### **Example**

- "Pêl'rossa" (redhead) combines "pêl" (hair) and "rossa" (red).
- "bu'rac" (dumbass) joins "bu" (fool) and "rac" (idiot).

#### **Superlative Formation**

 Apostrophes indicate superlatives by combining the base adjective with a superlative suffix or marker.

#### **Example**

• "Naus´t" (highest) from "Naus" (high).

#### **Phrases and Emphasis**

• In sentences, apostrophes can separate significant parts or indicate a pause for emphasis or stylistic reasons.

#### **Example**

 "Porimi miu espase, eu zatero Sonzi Lowni, la Naus't Bæha, Lionera za Cintra!" (By my sword, I swear Blood Oath, the Highest Queen, Lioness of Cintra!)

#### **Integrating Apostrophes into the Grammar**

**Word Formation with Apostrophes** 

#### **Composed Words**

• **Structure**: [Base Word]'[Combined Word]

#### Example

- "Pêl'rossa" (redhead) = "pêl" (hair) + "rossa" (red)
- "bur'rac" (dumbass) = "bur" (fool) + "rac" (idiot)

#### **Superlatives**

• **Structure**: [Adjective]'[Superlative Marker]

#### Example

• "Naus't" (highest) = "naus" (high) + "t" (superlative marker)

## **Sentence Structure and Apostrophes**

#### **Emphasis and Pauses**

• Apostrophes can be used within sentences to create natural pauses or to emphasize particular segments.

#### Example

• "Porimi miu espase, eu zatero Sonzi Lowni, la Naus't Bæha, Lionera za Cintra!"

#### **Diphthongs**

Diphthong	IPA Symbol	Pronunciation Guide
ai	[aɪ]	like 'ai' in "aisle"
au	[ลบ]	like 'ow' in "cow"
ei	[eɪ]	like 'ay' in "say"
eu	[ɛu]	blend of [ε] and [u]
oi	[21]	like 'oy' in "boy"
ou	[0ʊ]	like 'o' in "go"
iu	[ju]	like 'yu' in "you"
ie	[iε]	blend of [i] and [ε]

ua	[wa]	like 'wa' in "water"
ue	[we]	like 'ue' in "cue"

## **Prosody**

#### **Stress**

- Primary stress typically falls on the penultimate (second-to-last) syllable of a word.
- In compound words and words with apostrophes, primary stress falls on the first part of the compound or the segment preceding the apostrophe.

#### **Example**

• "Pêl'rossa" (redhead) - Stress on "Pêl"; "Naus't" (highest) - Stress on "Naus".

#### Intonation

- Declarative sentences generally have a falling intonation.
- Interrogative sentences have a rising intonation.
- Imperatives have a high pitch on the first syllable, followed by a falling intonation.

#### **Phonotactics**

#### **Syllable Structure**

- The basic syllable structure is (C)V(C), where C represents a consonant and V represents a vowel.
- Clusters of up to two consonants are allowed at the beginning and end of syllables.

#### **Onset Clusters**

• Common onset clusters include: bl, tr, sp, sk, fl, gl.

#### **Medial Clusters**

• Clusters within words include: nd, mp, st.

#### **Final Clusters**

• Final clusters include: nt, lk, rd.

#### **Apostrophes**

- Apostrophes are used to separate segments in compound words and for superlatives.
- They do not affect the allowable combinations of sounds directly but guide the stress and pronunciation.
- Example: "Pêl'rossa" (redhead) and "Naus't" (highest).

#### **Examples of Usage**

• Simple Word: "bā"

• Structure: CV

• Compound Word: "Pêl'rossa" (redhead)

• Structure: CVC'CVC

- **Sentence**: "Porimi miu espase, eu zatero Sonzi Lowni, la Naus't Bæha, Lionera za Cintra!"
  - Structure: Pronoun-Verb-Object, with commas indicating pauses and emphasis.

## **Naming convention**

In the Nordling Common Tongue, the naming convention for a person follows the structure of a name followed by one surname, typically inherited from the father (in orphan's cases, the place where one was raised or was from, was used as a surname, example: Geralt of Rivia) This differs from some Far Eastern cultures where the surname precedes the name. Double surnames, common prior to the 14th century in the Nordling Common Tongue, were usually reserved for the aristocracy or the bourgeois class, as seen in Margarita Laux-Antille for example. It was in the late 14th and early 15th centuries that this changed and became more common. Women, upon marriage, retained their first surname but adopted their husband's surname as a patronymic, placing it after their own. The same practice could be observed with men if they so chose, as exemplified by names like Jolanta Dinmarb Pitch and Putnam Pitch Dinmarb.

## **Proto - Common Tongue**

Based on the letters [2] in the book "Season of Storms," as well as the juridic terms that Geralt uses during his trial [3], it is probable that a Proto-Common Tongue resembles, to a certain degree, something like Latin [4], with the first Nordling languages being similar to tongues like the Faliscan, Siculian, and Venetic languages. These eventually merged and created the Proto-Common Tongue that eventually evolved into the Common Tongue we know today. This would explain the use of this terms as a form of high speech within the world of The Witcher. Similar to how Latin persisted in legal and religious contexts long after the rise of Romance languages, the survival of the Proto-Common Tongue could have served a similar function for the Nordlings. This could explain Geralt's familiarity with the juridic terms.

This point further strengthens with the mention in the lore of the next "Based on the languages of the various groups of colonists and nonhumans, Nordlings developed their own tongue, called the Common Speech or Common Tongue." A personal theory / headcanon of mine is that the Common Tongue was created as something like "English in reverse." Instead of the invaders (in this case, the Nordlings) having a Germanic Language that absorbed many Latin terms (since the dwarfs are the ones with a Germanic-based language), and fused with Norse and Celtic languages (in this case, Elder Speech), they would have various languages that would eventually give rise to the "Latin-like" Proto-Common, which would eventually absorb terms from other human groups already present such as the Wozgor, Dauk, Markee and non-humans (dwarves, elves, etc...) and "vulgarize". This would explain the presence of terms from different languages that at first glance don't seem to fit in the same language, such as "berg" for the naming of some cities, "von" for the naming of some persons (such as Olgierd von Everec), and "Tretogor" (which means "Three Hills" in Common Slavic) to name a few.

## **Differences with Romance languages**

Since Common Speech is essentially a creole language, it exhibits certain distinct characteristics that set it apart from pure Romance languages. Its grammatical structure is primarily Romance but with notable deviations and influences from other linguistic families.

One prominent feature is its extensive borrowing from various language groups, including Germanic and Slavic. Additionally, while the basic grammar follows Romance language patterns, such as noun gender and verb conjugation, there are nuances that diverge from traditional Romance grammar rules. As seen in examples such as "Le Skellige Inisi," instead of "Le inisi ze Skellige / Le inisei Skellige" (which would be the classical structure in Romance languages like Spanish "Las Islas Skellige," Italian "Le isole Skellige," and French "Les îles Skellige") and "Nici eu canto" (I do not sing, which in pure Romance languages like Spanish it would be "yo tampoco canto," and even in Germanic languages like English "I do not sing either")

Common Speech, like many creole languages, favor simpler grammatical structures for everyday communication. This explain the lack of double articles ("Le" + "ze") in "Le Skellige Inisi" instead of the already mentioned "Le inisi ze Skellige" (the Islands of Skellige) or the use of é instead of jesé in informal communication as seen in "Mi néve é" (my name is) instead of using the verb jesar (to be) and it's conjugation jesé.

Another key difference is how plurals are made, instead of adding an -s to a word to make it plural, as seen in the example of espadas in Spanish (Romance language) or swords in English (Germanic language), an -i is added. For example, espasa (sword) would be espasai (swords). The only exception to this rule is the conjugation of some verbs.

## **In-World History**

Main article: Nordling

When Nordlings arrived in what is now known as the Northern Kingdoms, they brought with them a diverse array of languages, each originating from the smaller but various groups that participated in the Landing of the Exiles in the 760s. These groups, after settling, not only interacted with their own people but also interacted and sometimes clashed with the indigenous humans of the region, such as the Dauk, Wozgor, Markee, Migwesk, and others, as well as non-human races already present there, such as the Aen Seidhe elves, dwarves, vrans, and many more. Over time, out of necessity and mutual influence, the Nordlings developed their own common tongue, a creole language that would be known as the Common Speech or Common Tongue.

### **Writing System**

Originally, the Common Tongue was written in First Runes, the first human alphabet in the Northern Kingdoms, based on elven runes and dwarven ideograms. However, as the Common Tongue evolved into its modern version, another alphabet was created—the so-called Modern Alphabet—which, some scholars and mages theorize, that was developed using a mix of the First Runes, Dauk and Migwesk alphabets.

# Writing System of Common Tongue in the Real World

The Common Tongue uses the modern alphabet, which is based on the real-world Slavic Glagolitic alphabet. The main difference is that it incorporates not only the sounds of the consonants and vowels of this alphabet but also adds new ones such as  $\ddot{a}$ ,  $\ddot{e}$ ,  $\hat{i}$ , and  $\ddot{u}$ , for example.

This is one of the reasons why Lingua Franca Nova was used as a skeleton for the language, since the Witcher books are filled with many Latin terms, such as Monstrum, Post Scriptum, etc. And Lingua Franca Nova is the only known Latin language known for using something similar—the Cyrillic alphabet.

## **Common Tongue Evolution Example**

Feature	Proto- Common Tongue	Old Common Tongue	Common Tongue
Sentence	In dubio pro reo	Bin debi pro kozei	En debio pre kosiwe
Meaning	When in doubt, favor for the accused	When in doubt, favor for the accused / in favor of the prisoner	When in doubt, favor for the accused / in favor of the prisoner

## **Common Speech comparison with the Older Tongues**

Language	Phrase (Translation)
Common Speech (Romance based) (creole)	Ti jesé mi amice, èlf. (You are my friend, elf.)
Elder Speech (Celtic based)	T'en me caraid, coblyn. (You are my friend, elf.)
Gnomish (Albanic based)	Ti je miku im, kukudh. (You are my friend, elf.)
Dwarvish (Germanic based)	Du beist mäi frënd, elf. (You are my friend, elf.)

# Comparison between Common Speech and Elder Speech derived dialects/ languages

Feature	English	Skellige Jargon	Zerrikani Dialect	Silk Islander Dialect	Common Tongue
Sentence	By my sword, I swear Blood Oath, the Highest Queen, Lioness of Cintra!	Aen me Glaeddyv, zvaere a'Bloedgeas, Ard Rhena, Lionors Aep Xintra!	Aen me sayf, saverre a'Bloeddega Kha'daj rayni, Libua a'Xintra!	Aena mei'ka pahika, sabeirra eʻaelike koko Ardma Moiwa, Lioma o Ximtra!	Porimi miu espase, eu zatero Sonzi Lowni, la Naus't Bæha, Lionera za Cintra!

# Dictionary

Common Speech	English
Common speech	Engusii

æc	Also (from Old English, æc)
Ænill	Ring (from Þrjótrunn, ænill)
Arc	Bow or arch, depending on the context
Ainc	Rather (from Old French, ainc)
À	at (from French, À)
āfordo (a)	Lord / Lady ( from Old English, <i>hlāford</i> )
Abante	Ally (from Drow, abban)
abandonada (o)	abandoned
abakoriar	to harass, corner, subdue, subject, both physically and morally (from Canarian Spanish, abacorar)
abala	grandmother (from Vandalic, abala)
Abarrir	To destroy or exterminate (from Medieval Spanish, abarrir)
abur	steam, vapour (from Romanian, abur)
aburcar	to climb up (from Romanian, aburca)
arbe´kar	to produce something (from Iberian, arbecar)
academia	academy
acoplador	Leather belt to hold trousers in place (from Aragonese Spanish, acoplador)
acrilica	acrylic
	badly or well groomed, usually badly; badly arranged,

Acotraciado	badly dressed, badly arranged a thing (from Aragonese, Acotraciáu)
Acorro	Relief, aid, protection, assistance, help (from Medieval Spanish, acorro)
Acopilar	To gather a lot from a thing, not to be confused with the verb "to compile" (from Old Spanish, acopilar)
Achel	Water ( from Thracian, achel )
Adast	Until, to, as far as (it marks the end of an action, a final number, a limit of a place or the end of time) (from Aingeljã, Adast)
Adepar	To give water to an animal (from Romanian, adăpạ )
adevăr	truth (from Romanian, adevăr)
Adewpó	Shelter (From Romanian, adăpost)
Adelinar	To walk, to go somewhere (from Medieval Spanish, adelinar)
Ademenir	To attract, to seduce (from Romanian, ademeni)
Adobes	To be arranged, to be prepared (from Medieval Spanish, adobes)
Adekumär	To adapt, to tailor (from Aingeljã, adecujãre)
Adu	Law (from Proto-Celtic, adu)
Abeş	really, for sure! (from Romanian, Abeş)
Aedi	Shard,piece( from Elder Speech, Aedd)
Agą	Cow (from Proto-Celtic, agos)

Ago	Bull
Agale	Slowly, step by step (from Aromanian, agale)
Ahul	Weak (from Basque, ahul)
Agu'wia	Needle (from Romanova, agu'ia)
Allaty	Always (from Bulgarian, Alati)
algũus	Some ( from Medieval Spanish, <i>algũus</i> )
Alkātar	To put together (from Romanian, alcătuị)
Âlde	A indefinite article meaning 'of the kind of, people such as' (from Romanian, alde)
asorbe	absorption
asetable	acceptable
aria	air (From Corsican, Italian, and Sardinian, aria)
Ariàn	Headache or discomfort caused by a draft (from Canarian Spanish, Airón)
Alendar	To breath (from Asturian, alendar)
Alminsk	Mole (from Abenaki, alm8nska) (Hengforsian and Kovirian dialect)
Argilo (a)	Mouse (from Thracian, Argilos)
Alkêmtan	breasts, especially a woman's breasts (from Faerunian Common Tongue, alpetan)
Amarillo	Yellow (from Spanish, Amarillo)
Amben	Butter (from Proto-Celtic, amben)

Ame'noce	Unless (from Romanova, ame'noce)
Amice (a) (i)	Friend (from Latin, amice)
Amusgar	To squint with the intention of seeing better (from Spanish, amusgar)
Ämkiri	Duck (from Aingeljã, ànit)
Amæ	A fortunate meeting (from Faerunian Common Tongue, alae)
Ańtarī	Five years ago (from Romanian, antặrţ)
Ań	Year (from Aromanian an, Istro-Romanian on)
Andebî	Atheist (from Kerno, andevist)
Andar	Floor (of a building) (from Portuguese, andar)
Aintjutà	Antiquity, antique (object) (from Aingeljã, aintjutà)
Atwaliçrar	To update (from Aingeljã, Atwaliçre)
Ар	Daughter of (when refering to a mother) (From Welsh, <i>Ap</i> and Elder Speech, <i>Aep</i> )
Aucat	Avocado (From Aingeljã, aucat)
Asiero	Steel (from Romanova, asiero)
Atgä	Access (from Gothic, atgagg)
Atrosar	To share (from Aragonese, atrosar)
Aksą	Field (from Gothic, akrs)
Arjar	To plow (from Gothic, arjan)

Asez	Many, much, very well (from Old French, asez)
Astįr	Star (from Ancient Greek, star)
Ainc	Earlier, rather (from Old French, ainc)
Aviser	To appreciate (from Old French, aviser)
Avyocar	Let the wine become somewhat sweet (from Canarian Spanish, abocar)
Awigor	To struggle (from High Valyrian <i>ambigon</i> )
Beras	Brown,swarthy (From Thracian, Beras)
Berar	To get tanned ( derivative verb from the word, Beras )
Bendar	To get married (from Thracian, bend)
Bene'volo	Kind, nice (from Romanova, bene'volo)
Balin	Whale (from Þrjótrunn, Balin)
Balnebal	Onion (from Aingeljã, balnebal)
balta	pool (from Romanian, baltă)
balte	swamp (from Albanian, baltë)
Balk	Strong (from Proto-Celtic, balc'h)
Balk't	The strongest
Bandu	belly ( from Asturian, banduyu )
besabes	honor (from Albanian, besabesë)
Besabido (a)	

(without do or da for neutral)	honored (from Albanian, besabesë)
Bæh	Crown(from Old English, Bæh)
Bæha	Queen
Bæhé	King
Bærnar	To burn up something ( From Old English, Bærnan )
Barbe	Beard (from Old French, barbe)
Baifo/a	Goat (from Canarian Spanish, baifo)
Baifad (i) (o) (a)	Drowsy (from Canarian Spanish, abaifado)
Bel	Dear, beloved (from Old French, bel)
botica	pharmacy (from Romanian, botica)
Borgese	Bourgeois/ from the city (depending on the context)
Boot	Boat (from Dutch, Boot)
Bra'kumo	Cloack (from Proto-Celtic,bratino)
Bawïa	Bay (from Aingeljã, Bajïa)
brevo (a) (i)	short, referring to time (from Faulona, breva)
Breyir	To drop (from Gaelg, brey)
buze	lips (from Romanian, buze)
Berg	City or town, depending on the dialect (From Old High German, Berg, and Dwarvish Werg, meaning mountain / hill)

Bidado(a)(i)	Deaf (from Welsh, byddar)
Birde	Green (from Sardinian, birde)
Breda	Pasture (from Thracian, <i>Bredas</i> )
Bom	Good (from various Romance Languages, Bom, Bem, Bueno, etc)
Bonik	Beautiful (refering to things or concepts) (from Valencian, bonic)
Bore	Morning (from Welsh, bore)
Bu/bur/bû/bûr	Fool
Bur'rac	Bumpkin / Dumbass <sup>[6]</sup> (from Polish, <i>burak</i> and Nilfgaardian, Bu´rac) <sub>(borrowed word)</sub>
Burg	Castle (From Late Latin, Burgus)
Cadable	Catapult (from Old French, cadable)
Cadani (o) (a)	Firm, solid (from Welsh, Cadan)
Cafuné	The act of stroking another person's hair with affection (from Portuguese, Cafuné)
Cămin	Home, refering to a land or place (from Romanian, Cămin)
căruță	cart, wagon (from Romanian, căruță)
ca ( o ) ( i)	what (from Vandalic and Polish, Ka and Co)
Cala	A place far from the coast, suitable for hook fishing (from Spanish, Cala) <sup>[7]</sup>

Casal	Romantic couple (from Portuguese, casal)
Castel	Castle (from Old Occitan, castel)
calvus	bald (from Latin, Calvus)
calvo	bald, Redanian dialect (from Spanish and Italian, calvo)
Callav	Horse (from Brithenig, cavall)
candela	candle (from Romanian, candela)
Ced	Early / early in the morning (from Portuguese, cedo)
Cegi (a) (o)	A blind person or animal (from Brithening, ceg)
Cerefoin	Ceremony (from Brithenig, ceremony)
Cham	Body
Charva	Meat (from Aingeljã, Charna)
Chico	Male (from Spanish, chico)
Chica	Female (from Spanish, chica)
Chiquito	Boy (from Spanish, chiquito)
Chiquita <sup>[8]</sup>	Girl (from Spanish, Chiquita)
Cham'kurrą	Corpse (Aingeljã, Chacaur, Common Tongue, Cham [body] +kurrą [death])
Choso	House (from Canarian Spanish,Choso)
Choxtól	A generalistic term used to refer to an exotic or unknown beast or monster (from Common Apumayuan

	and Nathual, <i>Choxtlótil and Xólotl</i> )
Codon	Cotton (from Romanova, codon)
Condottiero	Mercenary (from Italian, <i>Condottieri</i> )
conta	bank account
Çi	Here (from Old French, ci)
Cǫini (o) (a)	Dog ( from Megleno - Romanian, cǫini )
Cøwisiar	To have sex (from Brithenig, coblar)
Claro (i for neutral)	Light (unspecified color, bright ambient, something visible) (from various Romance Languages, claro)
claroscuro	sharp contrast between light and shadows in a painting (from Spanish and Italian, <i>claroscuro and chiaroscuro</i> )
Clerc	Priesthood (from Old French, clerc)
conselor	advisor
corvo	crow (from Italian, corvo)
čaklona	sorceress, Aedirnian dialect (from Ucranian, чаклунка [chaklunka])
Ci	I do either
Cicar	To suck (from Macedonian, cica)
cidariano (a)	Cidarian
Cominal	Common, public (from Old Occitan, cominal)
Cointe	Refined, clever, elegant (from Old French, cointe)

cuţir	to cut (from Romanian, cuţit)
Darbar	To do something (from Letonian, darbojas)
Del	Of /from, informal and arcaic form (from Spanish, del)
Dona	Lady (used for non-noble people) (from Venetian, dona)
Döt	Dice (from Þrjótrunn, döt)
Dapha	Flood ( From Thracian, Daphas )
De	of, arcaic form (from Various Romance Languages, de)
Debiar	To doubt/ to debt something / to own a favor / in favor ( From Latin, <i>Dubio</i> )
Deg	Mountain Pass ( From Gnomish, Dieg )
Degré	Staircase (from Old French, degré)
Dezeix	Wish (from Aingeljã, Dezeix)
Di	Day
Di'clari	Bright / clear day
Dij	Ten(from Batavic, dij)
Diabelo (a) (i)	devil(from Elder Speech, D'yaebl)
duchessa	duchess (from Italian, duchessa)
dulmecar	to smell (from Romanian, adulmeca)
é	it is / is (informal) (from Portuguese, é)

Ebidar	To hear something
en	in (from French, Spanish, en)
Enemic	Enemy (from Valencian, Enemic)
Enî	Any (from English, any)
eu	I (from Portuguese, eu)
Ele	Him (Accusative pronoun)
Elejer	To elect (from Romanova, elejer)
Ela	Her (Accusative pronoun)
Eli	It (Accusative pronoun)
Èlf	Elf (from Occitanian, èlf)
Elefant	Elephant (from English, elephant)
Elsker	To love (From Norwegian, elsker)
Elskį	Lover
Elsk´bel	My love
espasa	sword, Ebbinger dialect (from Valencian, espasa)
espase	sword (from Catalan, <i>espase</i> )
Espasai /espasei	Swords or a group of weapons
Espertugá	Startle (from Murcian Spanish, Espertugá)
estetica	aesthetic
Estino	Coal (from Thracian, spinos )

Eskar	To eat (from Thracian, Eskos)
Ekek	Darkness (refering to something evil)
Exeter	Exit, to exit (from English, exit)
face	side (from French, face)
fæcunda	rich / fertile (from Latin, fæcunda )
Felo	Cruel, evil (from Old Occitan, felo)
flejio (a) (e)	large quantity of people, animals, or things, Cidarian dialect (from Canarian Spanish, fleje)
forfika	ant (from Brithenig, fforfig; Romanian: furnică)
Font'cho	Warehouse (from Venetian fontengo + Canarian Spanish, choso)
Foy'ek	Crazy (from Catalan, follet)
Gaude	rejoice (from Latin, gaude)
Grande	A big place (from Spanish, Grande) <sup>[9]</sup>
Gaz	Young
Gaz'tea	A young woman
Gilar	To freeze ( derivative verb from the word, Gyl, meaning Ice )
Gugâr	To swallow, to gulp ( from Valyrian, āgugon )
Guahe	child (from Asturian, guahe)
Guaire	Almost (from Aragonese, guaire)

gudurar	to fawn, cajole (from Romanian, gudura)
Gusä	Cup (from Modern Irish Cant, gusach)
grad	city [ town in Lyrian & Rivian and Aedirnian dialect ] (from Common Slavic, grâd)
Grir	Cat
Grirñar	To scratch (from Asturian Gatuñar, Common Tongue, Grir, cat)
Gyl	Ice ( From Elder Speech, Gynvael )
Gwida	Life ( from Brithenig, Gwid)
gotovado (a) (i)	ready, done (from Common Slavic, gotovati)
Наса	substitute ( From Old English, haca )
Haf	Summer (from Welsh, Haf)
herbasana (o)	herbalist
hexer	witcher, Bruggian and Aedirnian dialect (from German, Hexer)
Heîa	Hello (from English, Hello)
Howot	How (From English, How,Xliponian, howot)
lá	Yeah ( From Old English, Iá )
Iék	Ok (From English, Ok)
Igni	Fire (from Latin, Igni)
Inis	Island ( from Elder Speech, Inis)

Inisi	Islands
Inwid	Fraud ( From Old English, Inwid )
Inkú	Even (from Spanish, incluso)
Imwur	During (from Brithenig, inghurs)
isto (e) (a)	it / this (from Proto- Common Tongue / Old Common Tongue, et, jisto and Portuguese, isto)
lu/au/ou	or
Iliar	To choose something /To will (from French, Il)
Il'tea	A chosen woman ( From Thracian, Iltea )
Ikm	Liquid (from English,ink)
lk'eur	Liqueur (from English,liqueur)
Jamba	Leg (from French, Jambe)
Jaurtiar	To throw something (from Basque, Jaurti)
Jel	Sky (from Brithenig, Gel)
Jakeń	if ( from Common Slavic, <i>jako</i> )
Jesar	to be (from Polish, Jesteś)
Jestar	To stay (from Polish, Jesteś)
Jēu	Ego (not to be confused with I) (From Helvetian, je, Common Tongue, jesar and Common Tongue, eu)
Kar	Something

Kaede	Forest ( from Elder Speech, Caed)
Kaïna	Dinner (from Aingeljã, Caina)
Kawël	Temple (from Brithenig, cawell)
Kowöra	Cave (from Venedic, kowrzona)
Keń	What
Kek	Of darkness
kocidzańta	everyday life, daily life (from Venedic, kocidzańtać)
kmiec	farmer, peasant (from Venedic, kmieć)
kociet	content (from Venedic, kocięć)
kodusa	behavior (from Venedic, Koduca)
kosiona	chain (from Venedic, kociona)
kosiwe	prisoner (from Venedic, kociwy)
kolendar	calendar (from Venedic, kolędarz)
Kónor	To came
Kurrą	Death (from Goblin, kurr)
Kurrąr	To kill (Derivative word from Kurrą)
Kurtes'tar	To behead (From Common Tongue Kurrą: Death, kurtes: To cut + testa: head)
Kurter	To cut (from Kur: To attack + Ter: thing)
Kur	To attack

Kuriń	Corn (from Polish, Kukurydza)
kople	link, chain (from Venedic, kopła)
kostana	chestnut (from Venedic, kostania)
Kötél	rope (from Hungarian, kötél)
Kölpénfi (o) (a)	Exiled (from Hungarian, Hungarian Kölpények)
Kölpénfer	To be exiled
Koulo	Chaos (Another way to refer to the magic, not to be confused with chaos, of disorder in a place or location) (from Czech, kouzlo)
Koz´lit	Goatvill (from Polish, Kozlitz)
Klúc	Key (from Polish, Klucz)
Kryp	Creep (from Venedic, Kryp)
Kylfingi (a) (o)	The name that the Nordlings gave to themselves, when speaking collective to a foreigner. Unknown meaning, but the modern word Kölpénfi is theorize to derive from this word. Unknown if they have the same meaning.
ledicia	joy (from Galician, ledicia)
la	the [for femenine nouns] (from various Romance languages, la)
Lan	Arcaic form of the la article, meaning the (femenine)
Land / landa (depends on the dialect)	Land ( from English, Land )

le	the [for neutral nouns] (from French, le)
Lęgwa	Tongue (both the part of the body and a language) (from Venedic, lęgwa)
Lion	Lion (from English, Lion)
Lionera	Lioness (from Skellige Jargon,lionors)
Liligrēra	Female specimen of liliger, in coastal dialects also a dangerous and seductive woman (from English, Liliger)
litsaro	knight, Aedirnian dialect (from Ucranian, лицар [litsar])
Lowni	Oath (from Welsh,Llw)
lup	wolf (from Romanian, lupul)
Lux	Light (from Latin, lux)
Lux'choso	Ligthouse
lyriano (a)	Lyrian
Maeg	Virtue (from Old English, Maeg )
Maegen	A virtuous action / a feat / exploit ( from Old English, Maegen )
Maeger	To be virtuous (A derivative verb from the word Maegen
Manera	way (from Spanish,manera)
Mamulo (a) (e)	short, referring to stature (from Esperanto,malmuta)

Makarrįk	Something badly spoken or written (from Spanish, macarrónico)
Mai	Many (from Romanian, mai)
Malar	To grind (from Gothic, malan)
Méss	Month (from Þrjótrunn, Méss)
Melnés	Honey (from Proto Indo-European, melnés)
mi	mine (from various Romance Languages,mi)
Mińiar	To collect wood
Midne	Settlement (from Thracian, Midne)
Mińi'bærné	Winter (from mińiar, to collect wood, and bærnar, to burn something, also from Elder Speech Midinváerne: Winter soltice)
mater	mother (from Latin,mater)
Mar	Sea (from Various Romance Languages, Mar)
Mar'wika	Sea Witch, a type of merpeople
modula	old (from Romanian,modula)
monstrum	monster (from Latin,monstrum)
mons	mountain, peak (from Latin, Mons)
monte	mountain, Redanian dialect (from Spanish and Italian, Monte)
Morn	Salmon fish (from Faerunian Common Tongue, sorn)
Makar	To speak (from Proto-Algoquian, e⊖keto·makatwi)

Makatín	Someone who is a murmurer and gossiper (From Canarian Spanish and Proto-Algoquian, hablatín, eOketo·makatwi)
Mokrö (ä) (ï)	Wet / something wet ( from Old Czech, <i>mokrý</i> )
Mojyō	Sauce (from Portuguese Molho, Canarian Spanish, Mojo)
Na	To (Polish, na)
Nátala	Earth (element)
Nátalam	Earth, the world
Nia/ia	Suffix used to define the land of certain people. As seen in Redania, Temeria, Etolia, Lyria, Rivia, Pontaria, Emblonia and Zerrikania
Naus't	Highest (from Occitan, naut)
Naus'jamba	Thigh (from Aingeljã, autajamba, Common Tongue, Naus [High] +jamba [leg])
Naniar	To read (from Vran, nanna)
nostra	our [femenine] (from Italian, nostra)
nobili	noble (from Latin, nobili)
Noč'morai	Nightmares (from Slovenian, Noč mora)
novi	new (from Common Slavic, növ)
nici (a) (o)	never / I do not something either (from Romanian, niciodată)
Nidî	Nine (from Neo-Adûnaic, nidir)

Niente	Nothing (from Italian, niente)
Nìs	Nose (from Brithenig, nas)
nios	expression denoting surprise or disbelief, coastal dialect (from Canarian Spanish, ños)
Niam	Bread (From Persian,nân)
Nixa	A type of monster similar to the merpeople
Nįk	Color (from Exandrian Draconid, nico)
nós	we (from Portuguese, nós)
Nōn/non	No (from Latin, nōn)
Nōn'na	Nonetheless (from Xliponian, omoto)
Né	Truth/ right?/really? (from Portuguese, né)
Néve	Name (from Hungarian, <i>néve</i> )
Nugara	Back (part of the body) (from Lithuanian, nugara)
Nū'mra	A life debt, a binding promise made between two people to repay a deed or something traded; though not a formal contract (from Exandrian Dwarvish, rudraz)
Oed	Age (from Welsh, oed)
Ojawa	Fly, housefly (from Abenaki, ojawa) (Hengforsian and Kovirian dialect)
Olew	Oil (from Brithenig, olew)

Ole'bærar	To oil (from Olew: Oil and bærnar: To burn something)
Orvayu	rain ( from Asturian, <i>orbayu</i> )
Orvayar	To rain
Oscūr/oscuro	Black or absent of light (not to be confused with darkness) (from various Romance Languages, oscuro)
Ov (plural: Ovi)	Egg (from Galician, ovo)
Owiar	To have (from Venedic, owiar)
Ouvrir	To open (from French ouvrir)
Para	Something similar to another thing (from Ancient Greek, παρα)
Pêl	Hair (Hair, from Valencian, pèl)
Pêl'rossa	Redhead (from Valencian,Pèl-roja)
Pêl'kosà	Braided hair (from Valencian, pel and Proto-Slavic, kosa)
Peixe	fish (from Portuguese, peixe)
Pesâ'ti (a) (o)	Heavy (from Aragonese, pesato)
Pär'it	A foolish, naive or not very perceptive person (from Canarian Spanish, papafrita)
Pitiar	To drink ( From Common Slavic, piti )
Pisic	Cat, Ebbinger dialect (From Romanian, Pisică)
Pisiñar	To scratch, Ebbinger dialect
Predfer	Priest (neutral pronoun) (from Brithenig, predfer)

prinkisa	princess (from Greek prinkípissa [ πριγκίπισσα ])
Prinkë	Prince (From English, Prince)
pienia	money/coin (from Polish pieniądze)
parola	word, Ebbinger dialect (from Valencian paraula)
Pauc	few (from Occitan, pauc)
Plõdi	Fruit (from Old Polish, płód)
Plorar	To cry (from Valencian,plorar)
polzar	to knock (from Venedic, półzar)
Popele (s)	ash / ashes / ashen ( from Old Czech, popel )
Porhoet	Something beyond the forest / something beyond the place where one is (from Breton, <i>Poutrocoët</i> )
Porjô	Far away
Porįmi	By (from various Romance Languages, por)
Porpįra	Deep Purple (From Greek, Porphyra)
Prezcen	Destination (from Polish, Przeznaczenie)
Prezjar	To travel (from Polish, przeznaczenie, Valencian viatjar)
pro (e ) (a)	for(from Latin, pro)
prole	offspring (from Latin, prole)
Profiec	Advantage (from Venedic, Profiec)

prosijem	closest (from Venedic, prosieśmy)
quande	when (from Alisian, quande)
redano ( a )	Redanian
Rac/rác/rák	Idiot
Raiç	root (from Occitan, raiç)
Razitir	To strike (from Interslavic, raziti)
Rera	Stony ground (From Thracian, Rera)
Resimar	To repeat
Re'sôp	Second lighter dinner after a party or when there is a long time between dinner and bedtime (from Spanish, resopón)
Revenir	To come back (from Old French, revenir)
riviano (a)	Rivian
Rïr	To laugh (from Old Portuguese,riir)
rosera	rose (from various Romance languages, rosa)
rosso	red (from Italian, rosso)
roz	pink (from Batavic, roz)
roză	rose, Lyrian dialect (from Romanian, roză)
Róg	Horn (from Polish, Róg)
rua	street (from Romanian, rua)
Rurār	To drive (from Venedic, rur)

Sabuyar	To score a goal (from Vran, Shaybu)
Saint	Saint (from English, Saint)
Sea	Sea, Redanian dialect (from English, sea)
Satur	To fill, to be excesive filled (from Spanish, saturado)
şcoal	school (from Romanian, școală)
Scarlet	Scarlet (from English, scarlet )
şen	without (from Provitano sen)
shedar	to sit (from Aromanian, shed)
setamos	to settle (from English and Spanish settle and arreglamos)
Seïw	Sound (from Welsh, sain)
Seïwar	To make a sound
Selen	Exit (from Brithenig, exit)
Seu	Their/it (from Portuguese, seu)
sos	you are, Kovirian dialect (from Argentinian Spanish,sos)
Sôp	Diner (from Catalan Sopó)
scudo <sup>[10]</sup>	shield; also refers to the name of a gold coin used in Fabiola (from Italian, scudo)
Siała	Saddle (from Venedic, siała)
sidi	but (from Vandalic, sidi)

Siosa	Sex, gender (from Venedic, sios)
sim	yes (from Portuguese, sim)
Sidisim	But yes (from Sidi: but + Sim: yes)
Sidinōn	But no (from Sidi: but +nōn: no)
Siltante	Something warm or pleasant (from Thracian, siltas, Lithuanian, šiltas and Latvian, silts)
Si'wuç	In any way (from Xliponian, sihuç)
Sïwar	To suffer (from Venedic, zwier)
Spurur	To say ( from Istro - Romanian, spure )
Sorrëm	Blacksmith
Sǫnzi	Blood ( from Megleno - Romanian,sǫnzi )
Sonziar	To bleed (derivative verb of the word, sǫnzi)
Sǫnze	Son / of my blood (depending on the context) (derivative word of Sonzi, Megleno -Romanian, blood and son, English)
šura	Hero / Heroine ( From Thracian, suras )
Suge	Snake (from Proto-Basque,suge)
Sūrila	Spice (from Valyrian,ajesurilaros)
Surå	Sister (from Brithenig, sur)
strata	Road ( From Neapolitan, strata )
skeligero (a)	Skelliger

Thar	That (from English, that)
Tea	Woman
Tēa	Wood (from Canarian Spanish, tea)
Telero	Prefix used for a thing vaguely reminiscent of another thing.
Ter	Thing
Testa	Head (From Latin, testa)
ti	you/yours (from Bulgarian, mu[ti])
tre	three (from Common Slavic, <i>Tre</i> )
treaba	job (from Romanian, treabă)
Trum	Being (refering to a creature)
togor	hills (from Common Slavic, <i>Togor</i> )
Tori	Today
Totus	All/everyone/everything (from Latin, Totus)
Tous	All / everyone /everything, Toussaintoi dialect (from French, Tous)
tüeze	thirteen (from Batavic, <i>Tüeze</i> )
ud	where (from Alisia, udi)
Ùnic	Unique (from Aingeljã, ùnic)
um	a/an (from Portuguese, um)

ură	hate (from Romanian, ură)
Utepilir	The pleasure of drinking beer outdoors (from Norwegian, Utepils)
Vechi	Old (from Romanian, vechi)
verch	Daughter of (when refering to a father) (from Welsh, verch)
valel	goodbye (from Corinus, Baleo, and Elder Speech, va fáill)
Vel'kón	Welcome (from Dwarvish, Welcoïm, English, Welcome, Common Tongue, velïr and kónor, to invite and to came)
Velïr	To invite (from Spanish, venir)
Velch	A period about an hour (from Faerunian Common Tongue, bell)
Vēlum	Volunteer (from English, Volunteer)
Vēlumir	To volunteer
Veruvar	To believe (from Macedonian,Верувај, Veruvaj)
vedar	to see, Lyrian dialect (from Aromanian, ved)
Valatka	Mushroom (from Faerunian Elvish, Blalath, Blalatha)
Vat	watchtower (From German, Warte)
Varę	Big,not giant (from Angloromani, bare)
vedžmin	witcher (from Polish, wiedźmin)
vedžmina	witcheress (from Polish, wiedźmin)

vole	fly (from Romanian, vole)
von/van	descendant of (from German, von)
vós	you (plural) (from Portuguese, vós)
vosé	you (singular), Kovirian dialect (from Argentinian Spanish, vos)
Vin	Wine ( from Latin, <i>vid</i> )
Vitre	Glass / Glass pane ( from French, vitre )
Vyrva	Crater / gap (From Polish, Wyrwa)
Wacar	To be strong ( From Old English, Wacan )
Watewi	Whatever (from Jamaican Patois, wateva)
Wég	Far away from a place (from Jamaican Patois, weh)
Wol'gō	Stomach (from Proto-Celtic,bolgo)
Wämar	To want (from Venedic, wlar)
wiccan	another name for a witcher (from English, Wiccan)
wint	twenty (from Batavic, wint)
Winter / Wîmter	December (from English, winter)
wiar	to see (from Alisian, wior)
Waken	wakefulness, sleeplessness (from Old English, Wacen)
Wika	Witch ( From English, Wicca )
xenio (a)	foreign, exotic

Xekô	Dry (from Elbic, xecco)
Υ	and (from Various Romance Languages, y)
Yadrar	To steal
Yadrę	Thief (from Valencian, Lladre)
Yeri	Yesterday (from Romanian, Ieri)
Yaé	Milk (from Brithenig, llaeth)
za (o) (e)	of/ from (from Polish, z)
Za'kulo	Spell (from Polish, Zaklęcie and Common Tongue, Koulo)
Zakulur	To recite a spell (from Common Tongue, Za'kulo)
Ze'le (a) (i)	Of him / of her / of it (Common Tongue ze [of] + ele/ela/eli (him/her/it, accusative pronouns)
Zaterar	To swear/ to promise (from Polish,Zastaw)
Zaré	Glow ( from Czech, záře )
zerèō	zero (from Spanègizze, zerèō)
že´tea	<i>Wife</i> (from Common Slavic, <i>ženà</i> )
Zōgendo	Handsome (refering to a man, or a male animal) (from Macedonian, Згоден, Zgoden)
zuraw	crane (from Polish, Żuraw)
Zulafin	Tuna fish (from Faerunian Common Tongue, bluefin)

# Names

Common Speech	English
Aldersberg	City of Alders
Corvo Bianco <sup>[11]</sup>	White Crow
Elskerdeg	The Love Mountain Pass
Geralt za Rivia	Geralt of Rivia
Inis Porhoet <sup>[12]</sup>	The island beyond the forest
Inis Vitre <sup>[13]</sup>	Island of Glass
Mons Calvus / Montecalvo <sup>[14]</sup>	Bald Peak / Bald Mountain
Novigrad	New city
Nimue verch Wledyr ap Gwyn	Nimue daughter of Wledyr and daughter of Gwyn
Olgierd von Everec	Olgierd descendant of Everec
Peixe de Mar	Sea Fish
Sorensen	Name derive from Sonze de Sorrëm / Son del Sorrëm / Sonderëm / Soremsen / Sorensen (son of the blacksmith)
Toussaint <sup>[15]</sup>	All Saints
Tretogor	Three Hills
Vatburg <sup>[16]</sup>	Vigilance Castle

Vengerberg	City of Venger

# **Phrases**

Common Speech	English
¡Acum iu nici!	Now or never!
Adu Syndod	Law of Surprise
¡Bon di!	Good day! / Good morning!
En face <sup>[17]</sup>	In front of
Eu non canto	I do not sing
¡É um treaba pro Vesemir! (informal)/ ¡Jés um treaba pro Vesemir! (formal)	It is a job for Vesemir!
Gaude, mater Redania, prole fæcunda nobili <sup>[18]</sup>	Rejoice, oh Mother Redania.Rich in noble offspring
¿Howot jesai ti? ¿Totus bom?	How are you?, Everything good?
Iá, isto é um inwid, ¿Ti non wiei seu zaré? (jés for formal)	Yeah, this is a fraud, don't you see it's glow?
¡Isto é um maegen pro totus! (jés for formal)	This is a virtuous action for everyone!
Ista é landa zo kolosoi, meu āfordo.	This is a land of gigants, my lord.
Jesa mai manerai na kurrąr a nixa, kurtes'tala, bærnala, inkú a pauc vechi mar'wika za'kuloi il darbán	There a several ways to kill a nixa, behead her, burned her, even a few old Sea Witch spells will do

Mi néve é / Mi néve jés (informal/formal)	My name is
¡Monstrum na kurrąr monstrum!	Monsters to kill monsters!
Nostra duchessa <sup>[19]</sup>	Our duchess
Nós setamoi isto en la modula manera. Espasei. Acum.	We settle it in the old way. Swords.
Nós névei jesei	Our names are
Ti jesai um vedžmin, æc um litsaro.	you are a witcher, also a knight.
Ti jesei ze le nobili, prinkisa.	You are from the nobility, princess.
¿Ti ap Marka?	Are you Marka´s daughter?
¿Ud é isto? (jés for formal )	Where is this?
¿É ti um vedžmin za Scoal za Zuraw? (jés for formal)	Are you a witcher from the School of the Crane?
¿É ti um vedžmin za Scoal ze Pisic? (jés for formal)	Are you a witcher from the School of the Cat?
¿É ti ze Toussaint? (jés for formal)	Are you from Toussaint?
Jakeń ti non resimei, ti non jesamak bom	If you don't repeat, you will never be good
Le bore ze um di'clari in mińi'bærné é bonik, ¿Nōn veruvei?	The morning of a bright/ clear day in winter is beautiful, don't you think?
Ze'la idea	Her idea

# **Accents**

Some description of the different accents as well examples, are the following:

#### **Standard Aedirnian**

The Standard Aedirnian accent is known for its guttural pronunciation, placing emphasis on consonant sounds. Vowels are typically shortened, and diphthongs frequently collapse into single vowel sounds. Consonants such as "k" and "g" are pronounced deeper in the throat, resulting in a harsher sound. The Standard Aedirnian dialect incorporates more consonant clusters than other Common Speech variations, contributing to a denser overall sound. Unstressed vowels are commonly abbreviated or even omitted, especially at the end of words.

#### **Standard Cidarian**

Unlike the standard Aedirnian focus on consonants, Cidarian speakers tend to lengthen and emphasize vowels, creating a more lyrical and flowing quality to their speech. This emphasis can also influence the pronunciation of certain consonants, particularly those preceding stressed vowels. The accent is known for its distinctive rhythm, characterized by a moderate pace and evenly spaced syllables.

### **Standard Gemmerian**

This dialect is known for its smooth and flowing pronunciation, with a particular emphasis on the "zh" sound. Gemmerian speech lacks the harshness or clipped consonants found in Aedirnian and emphasizes a more fluid delivery. Words containing the "zh" sound are accentuated, creating a distinct aural quality.

# **Standard Ebbinger**

In the standard Ebbinger accent, speakers frequently weaken or even omit final consonants, especially stops like "p," "t," and "k" at the end of words or syllables. Additionally, these speakers typically demonstrate more open vowels, particularly in unstressed syllables. This characteristic imparts a more relaxed and sonorous quality to their speech, contributing to a pleasant and distinctive overall character.

### **Mahakiam**

The Mahakiam accent is marked by hard, guttural sounds and distinct consonant clusters. The pronunciation is robust and carries a weighty, impactful quality. Vowels are often nasalized, adding a unique flavor to the speech.

#### **Standard Metinnese**

The Metinnese accent features a rhythmic and sharp pronunciation, with a tendency to roll the "r" sound. Consonants are enunciated with precision, creating a distinct and expressive cadence. The accent is characterized by its melodic flow and clear articulation.

# Novigradian

The Novigradian accent is a melting pot of linguistic influences due to the city's cosmopolitan nature as a trade hub. It is a blend of various Northern Realms influences, primarily from Redania, Temeria, Cidaris, and Kovir. The Redanian influence is discernible in the Novigradian accent's treatment of certain consonants, particularly the distinct pronunciation of "w" as "v" and the characteristic shift of "ch" to a more "j"-like sound.

From Temeria, Novigrad borrows a certain straightforwardness and clarity in speech. Consonants are pronounced with precision, and the overall intonation maintains a balanced and pragmatic quality. Cidaris contributes to the Novigradian accent through its impact on vocabulary and idiomatic expressions. Lastly, the Kovirian accent contributes to the Novigradian accent with the cadence and melodic tone characteristic of Kovirian speech finding echoes in Novigradian intonation. Novigradians adopt the Kovirian tendency to soften final consonants, contributing to the smooth and flowing quality of their accent.

#### Standard Nazairan

The standard Nazairan accent is characterized by nasalized vowels and a melodic intonation. Consonants are pronounced with a moderate pace, and the overall speech has a distinct musical quality. The accent carries an air of elegance and fluidity.

# **Standard Lyrian**

The standard Lyrian accent is very similar to the Rivian accent due to their shared history. The most significant difference lies in the affricates "ch" (ce) and "g" (ge) sounds in standard Rivian. The standard Lyrian accent replaces these with fricatives like "sh" and "zh." Additionally, there are slight variations in vowel sounds, with Lyrian having a more "closed" pronunciation for the final "a" sound in some words compared to standard Rivian.

#### Standard Redanian

The Redanian standard accent in Common Speech is characterized by some distinctive phonetic features. For instance, the "w" is pronounced similarly to "v," and the "ch" sounds closer to "j." Additionally, in the Redanian accent, open vowels tend to close, and there is a tendency to aspirate the "s" at the end of syllables.

#### **Standard Rivian**

The Standard Rivian accent shares similarities with the Standard Lyrian accent due to their geographical proximity and historical ties. However, some key differences exist. Standard Rivian retains the affricates "ch" and "dz" sounds, absent in the Lyrian accent which replaces them with fricatives like "sh" and "zh." Additionally, Rivian vowels tend to be more centralized, with a less pronounced distinction between open and closed vowels compared to Standard Lyrian.

# **Standard Skelliger**

The standard Skelliger accent is characterized by a rugged and hearty pronunciation. Consonants are pronounced with strength and vigor, and there is a tendency to truncate certain syllables.

### Kerackian

The Kerackian accent, while sharing some vowel emphasis with its Cidarian neighbor, retains a distinct character. Kerackian speakers pronounce consonants with more force compared to Standard Cidarian, resulting in a less flowing and slightly harsh sound. The presence of palatalization and a uvular trill for the "r" further differentiate it from other Common Speech dialects.

### **Standard Kovirian**

The standard Kovirian accent of Common Speech is distinguished by the following phonetic differences. The prevalence of "seseo," particularly along the coastal areas, adds a distinct feature to the dialect. Pronouncing the letter 'x' as 'sih' significantly contributes to the accent's uniqueness, transforming words like "xico" into "sihko." Additionally, the use of "voseo" instead of the pronoun "ti" imparts an informal and close nuance to communication, possibly stemming from the preservation of the formal equivalent pronoun for "ti" used in Proto-Common.

The unique pronunciation of the letter 'j' as 'sh,' as seen in "Jolanta" becoming "sholanta," along with phenomena like yeísmo, adds another layer of phonetic complexity. This accent is also characterized by a deliberate rhythm in intonation, giving the language a cadence and melodic tone. The tendency to soften some final consonants contributes to the fluency and smoothness of speech, lending an air of elegance that often arouses envy from other kingdoms, notably Redania.

In affirmative expressions, the Kovirian accent tends to exhibit a firmer and more decisive intonation, reinforcing clarity in communication. The careful pronunciation of vowels, with a tendency to slightly lengthen them, is also characteristic of this accent.

Regarding interrogatives, the Kovirian accent stands out for its distinctive intonation at the end of sentences, where tonal elevation adds an unmistakable touch to questions.

Grammatically, the Kovirian accent also presents notable peculiarities. The frequent use of conditional constructions, such as employing the subjunctive in hypothetical situations, adds a unique grammatical complexity to discourse. Additionally, the preference for archaic forms of some verbs (likely retained since their independence) conjugated differently from contemporary norms, adds a touch of linguistic tradition to oral expression.

Regarding vocabulary, the Kovirian accent is enriched with terms and idiomatic expressions specific to the region, some of which may be perplexing for speakers of other dialects of Common Speech as they derive mostly from trade pidgins or isolated evolutions of the Common Speech used during the time Kovir gained independence from Redania.

### **Temerian**

The Temerian accent is recognized for its clear and concise pronunciation, with minimal regional variations, making it often regarded as the closest to the "ideal" Common Speech. Each syllable is pronounced distinctly, and speech patterns are relatively flat and even, featuring minimal pitch variation. Given Temeria's central location, the dialect has incorporated some vocabulary and expressions from neighboring regions, but these influences are subtle and seamlessly integrated into the standard dialect.

### **Standard Toussaintoi**

The Toussaintoi accent is known for its sing-song quality. Sentences rise and fall melodically, often ending with a slight flourish, lending a playful and carefree air to speech. Toussaintois favor open vowels, particularly "a," "e," and "o," which are pronounced with a wider mouth opening compared to the standard Common Speech. This creates a more rounded and pleasant sound. The pronunciation of consonants is softer and less emphasized than in standard Common Speech. For instance, the "r" sound becomes a gentle trill, and the "t" at the end of words is often softened or elided altogether.

Regarding vocabulary and expressions, Toussaintois pepper their speech with derive words from Elder Speech and Nilfgaardian, particularly those related to art, culture, and etiquette. They are known for their flowery language and fondness for diminutives. They readily use expressions of endearment and politeness, even when addressing strangers.

Accents Examples			
Pronunciation	Variation	Example	Notes
Standard Aedirnian	Harsh, clipped consonants, shortened vowels	É um **tremba** pro Vesemir!	Emphasis on consonants

Standard Cidarian	Lyrical, emphasis on vowels, softened consonants	Éé um **treabaa** pro Vesemir!	Elongated vowels for a sing-song effect
Standard Ebbinger	Open vowels, weakened final consonants	É um **treaba** pro Vesemi!**	Weakened final "r"
Standard Gemmerian	Smooth and flowing, emphasis on "zh" sounds	É um **trebā** pro Vesemir!	Smooth pronunciation with emphasis on fricatives
Kerackian	Harsher, strong consonants, vowel emphasis	É **um** tre**ba** pro Vesemiŕ!	Emphasis on final "r," possible uvular trill
Mahakamian	Hard, guttural sounds, distinct consonant clusters	É **um** tre**bah** pro Vesemir!	Pronunciation influenced by Dwarven language with strong, guttural sounds
Standard Kovirian	Softer consonants, vowel emphasis, rhythmic	É **um** tre**ba** pro **Veshemir**!	"Vesemir" pronounced with "sh" due to yeísmo
Standard Lyrian	Similar to Rivian, fricatives "sh" & "zh"	É **yn** tre**ba** pro Vesemir!	"yn" replacing "um" as a dialectal variation for "a/an"
Standard Metinnese	Rhythmic, sharp consonants, rolling "r"	É um **treba** pro Vesemir!	Sharp consonants and rolling "r" with a rhythmic flow

Standard Nazairan	Nasalized vowels, melodic intonation	É um **treba** pro Vesemir!	Nasalized vowels and melodic intonation
Novigradian	Blend of influences, clear pronunciation	É **um** tre**ba** pro Vesemir!	Influenced by Temeria's clear pronunciation
Skelliger	Rolling "r," nasalized vowels	É um **trebara** pro Vesemir!	With longer, rolling "r" and nasalized vowels
Standard Redanian	"w" as "v", "ch" closer to "j", closed vowels	É **um** tre**ba** pro Vesemiŕ!	Aspirated final "r"
Standard Rivian	Similar to Lyrian, retains affricates "ch" & "dz"	É **yn** tre**ba** pro Vesemir!	"yn" replacing "um"
Standard Toussaintoi	Sing-song intonation, open vowels, softer consonants	É **um** tre**baa** pro **Vesemir**!	More pronounced rise and fall in pitch
Temerian	Clear, concise pronunciation	É **um** tre**ba** pro Vesemir!	Minimal regional variations, considered close to "ideal"

# **Sample Text**

Below is the speech of Alzur presented in multiple languages, showcasing its translation and adaptation into Nordlingaen, alongside other major languages for comparative purposes.

Language	Text		
	Your Most Serene Majesty,		
	We find ourselves in a world turned most foul.		
	A world filled with innumerable horrors, monstrosities		
	That prey on the meek and mighty alike.		
	'Tis truly a wretched scourge born of nightmares!		
English	Yet it need not be so!		
(original)	Freed of the fetters of the spineless Council,		
	we can create something new.		
	Hunters of exceptional strength, speed, agility,		
	equipped to overcome absolutely any foe.		
	Bards will toil to do justice to their feats,		
	for sometimes one needs a monster to slay a monster.		
	Su Serenísima Majestad,		
	Vivimos en un mundo de lo más infame.		
	Repleto de innumerables horrores y monstruosidades que		
	acechan a humildes y poderosos por igual.		
	¡Una desdichada plaga nacida de pesadillas!		
	¡Pero no tiene porque ser así!		
Spanish	Sí nos libramos del yugo del pusilánime Consejo, podemos crear algo nuevo.		
	Cazadores con una fuerza, velocidad y agilidad excepcionales, equipados para superar a cualquier enemigo.		
	Los bardos harán justicia de sus hazañas, pues a veces hace falta un monstruo para matar a otro monstruo.		

	Sua Serenissima Maiestas,
	Vivimus in mundo infamissimo,
	Referto innumeris horroribus et monstris quae et humiles et potentes pariter insidiantur.
	Pestis miserrima ex somniis orta!
Latin	Sed non necesse est ita manere.
	Si iugo pusillanimi Consilii liberemur, aliquid novum creare possumus:
	venatores fortitudine, velocitate, agilitate eximia praediti, parati ut quemlibet hostem superent.
	Bardi facta eorum celebrabunt; nam aliquando monstrum necesse est ad aliud monstrum vincendum.
	Ti Paci't Bæhé,
	Nós gwidai en um nátalam ze le maien malik.
	Satur ze inmunt ekek y monstrumi thar lurthan le subte y michte pro alik.
	¡Jesé mish pesti genai ze noč'morai!
	¡Sidi nōn hala na jesa sē!
Nordlingaen	Jakeń nós zafran zo júgom zo kowarte Consilo, nós kan kriar kar novi.
	Venatori sēm ona força, swifta, agilita notaviki,
	equipati pro vinkar enî enemic.
	Troveri halaran justa ze seu maegeni,
	pro algután hala um monstrum na kurrar altri monstrum.
	Votre Très Sérénissime Majesté,
	Nous vivons dans un monde devenu des plus infâmes.
	Un monde rempli d'innombrables horreurs et monstruosités

	Qui s'attaquent aussi bien aux humbles qu'aux puissants.
	C'est véritablement une peste misérable née des cauchemars!
	Mais cela ne doit pas être ainsi!
French	Libérés des chaînes du Conseil lâche,
	nous pouvons créer quelque chose de nouveau.
	Des chasseurs dotés d'une force, d'une vitesse et d'une agilité exceptionnelles,
	équipés pour vaincre absolument tout ennemi.
	Les bardes se donneront du mal pour faire justice à leurs exploits,
	car parfois, il faut un monstre pour tuer un autre monstre.
	Eure Durchlauchtigste Majestät,
	Wir leben in einer Welt, die äußerst niederträchtig geworden ist.
	Eine Welt voller unzähliger Schrecken und Monstrositäten
	Die sowohl die Schwachen als auch die Mächtigen gleichermaßen heimsuchen.
	Es ist wahrlich eine elende Plage, geboren aus Albträumen!
German	Doch so muss es nicht bleiben!
	Befreit von den Fesseln des feigen Rates,
	können wir etwas Neues schaffen.
	Jäger mit außergewöhnlicher Stärke, Schnelligkeit und Geschicklichkeit,
	ausgestattet, um jeden Feind zu überwinden.
	Die Barden werden sich bemühen, ihren Taten

Gerechtigkeit widerfahren zu lassen,

denn manchmal braucht es ein Monster, um ein anderes Monster zu töten.

# **Notes**

- Words without origins are taken from Elefen directly or invented.
- The article is a 100% complete. So it only need to expand the dictionary. Feel free to expand it if you want.

### Resources

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